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SUBJ: IV GRANT FOR GHANIM AL-GHUBASH

REF: 77 ABU DHABI 3504

1. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECT GRANTEE. EMBASSY REQUESTS FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL AND VIP PER DIEM FOR THIS IMPORTANT UAE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (NUMBER THREE MAN IN MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS).

MR. GHUBASH IS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN. HE IS INSIGHTFUL, SELF-EDUCATED, SELF-RELIANT AND COOPERATIVE. BECAUSE OF CONFINEMENT TO A WHEELCHAIR, HE WILL NEED A FULL-TIME EXCORT OFFICER WHO IS READY AND ABLE TO ASSIST HIM DURING THE TRIP IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF DAY-TO-DAY LIVING IMPOSED BY HIS DISABILITY. GHUBASH'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR VISIT, BUT ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, COMMON SENSE WOULD DICTATE AN ARABIC SPEAKER AS HIS ESCORT IF AVAILABLE. WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY THAT THIS TRIP WILL REPRESENT UNUSUALLY SATISFYING OPPORTUNITY FOR WELL SELECTED ESCORT. WE SUGGEST THAT ENTHUSIASTIC, PERSONABLE TYPE BE SELECTED. MOHSEN ASWABI, ONE OF STATE DEPT. INTERPRETERS WHO ASSISTED WITH CUSTOMS COURSE IN ABU DHABI IN NOV-DEC 1977 RECOMMENDED AS GOOD POSSIBILITY. NAME: GHANIM OBAID SAEED BIN GHANIM AL-GHUBASH
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PREFERRED FORM OF ADDRESS:
POLIT: MR. GHUBASH
FAMILIAR: GHANIM
TITLE: DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.
SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:
PRESENT: DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL

AFFAIRS, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

PAST: DIRECTOR, DUBAI OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS; OFFICIAL IN
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TEL: 338-6500

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS: IMMIGRATION AND LABOR, MANPOWER PLAN-
NING, TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL TRAINING, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND
SAFETY PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS ARE PRIMARY CONCERNS
AND INTERESTS OF THIS GRANTEE. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING
TRAINING FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED WORKERS. (HE HAS A NATURAL
INTEREST IN THIS AREA AS HE IS HANDICAPPED.)

IN FOCUSING ON THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS FOR GRANTEE, HE IS
INTERESTED IN LABOR SECTOR BROADLY DEFINED TO INCLUDE UNIONS,
LABOR RELATIONS DEPARTMENTS OF LARGE CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT
LABOR OFFICIALS. HE IS INTERESTED IN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN-
CLUDING DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS AND WORKERS' WELFARE SYSTEMS.
EMBASSY SUGGESTS PROGRAM AGENCY CONTACT U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT
IN PROGRAMMING SUBJECT GRANTEE'S SUGGESTIONS. BRIEFINGS BY
BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVING THE
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ABOVE NOTED INTERESTS WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL.

2. POST'S SUGGESTIONS: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS 5-6 DAYS IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. FOCUSING ON USG LABOR ROLE AND AFL-CIO ACTIVITIES (THERE
ARE NO UNIONS IN UAE). A VISIT TO DETROIT'S AUTO INDUSTRY, AND
THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS OFFICES WOULD BE OF IMPORTANCE. A VISIT
TO CALIFORNIA'S IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL FARM LAND (IMPERIAL VALLEY)
AND THE UNITED FARM WORKERS OFFICES WOULD GIVE GRANTEE BROAD
VIEW OF VARIOUS LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S.

3. OTHER INTERESTS: AS GRANTEE INTERESTED IN HOME HOSPITALITY,
IT IS SUGGESTED THAT VIRGINIA STATE DELEGATE, GEORGE W. GRAYSON
WILLIAMSBURG, BE CONTACTED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND POSSIBLE GUIDED
TOUR OF WILLIAMSBURG. EXPERIENCES IN ALTERNATE LIFE STYLES
SUCH AS THE AMISH COMMUNITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND OTHER URBAN
AND RURAL AREAS WOULD BE WELCOMED. A VISIT TO BIRD SANCTUARY
(GRANTEE HAS VERY SERIOUS INTEREST); SOCIAL CLUBS FOR DISABLED
(PARTICULARLY HORSE BACK RIDING); BURPDHVTFUBJZ
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SIDE, CALIFORNIA; SCRIPPS INSTITUTE FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH:
CATALINA ISLAND; VIA RENTED CAR SEE LOS ANGELES, UNIVERSAL

STUDIOS AND DISNEYLAND. GRAND CANYON AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK WOULD BE OF INTEREST. IF TIME PERMITS A VISIT TO HOUSTON TO TOUR THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER.

4. NO INTERPRETER NEEDED.

5. MR. BHUBASH AVAILABLE FOR 30-DAY VISIT AND EXPECTS TO LEAVE DUBAI MAY 20. FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:
SATURDAY, MAY 20: LEAVE DUBAI 0900 ON GF 009
ARRIVE LONDON 1500
OVERNIGHT POSTHOUSE HOTEL
SUNDAY, MAY 21: LEAVE LONDON 1140 ON PA 107
ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. (DULLES) 1500

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6. AS MR. GHUBASH WILL BE ATTENDING A SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION IN THE U.S. FOLLOWING COMPLETION HIS IV PROGRAM, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ABOVE DATES BE FOLLOWED.

7. PLEASE PROVIDE FISCAL DATA.
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